

A photograph of a muddy, rutted road in a wooded area. The road is covered in deep tire tracks and puddles of muddy water. Patches of snow are visible on the ground and along the sides of the road. The surrounding area is filled with bare trees and brush, suggesting a late autumn or winter setting.

# **TIMBERLEE DRAINAGE DISTRICT**

- Board of Determination Hearing
- Thursday, October 29, 2020.





# STATEMENT:

RE: ESTABLISHMENT OF TIMBERLEE DRAIN

Dear Board Members,

On behalf of the residents of Mt Josh Drive and lower Timberlee Drive, we wish to convey the need for a drainage district to establish and construct a drain and improved access as critical to our health and welfare. We are fortunate to have neighbors that dedicate time and wear and tear hours on their equipment. The lower Timberlee drive and Mt Josh Drive are grandfathered easements that are not properly maintained on a regular basis.

- The road has eroded several feet below adjacent baseline elevations and has scoured into sub-surface channels in some areas.
- There is more traffic from the Timberlee subdivision which is further accelerating erosion and pass ability. The following are additional concerns:



- **ACCESS FOR FIRE, POLICE AND EMS!** Immediately following the August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 wind storms, downed power lines caused a wildland fire that Elmwood and Cedar Fire Departments could only reach using side by side all terrain vehicles. The fire trucks and EMS could not make it completely up the hill.
- Heavy rain fall and Spring thaw make the road impassable without the benefit of a 4x4 vehicle
- Residents have endured significant expenses due to damage/ wear and tear on our personal vehicles.
- Accelerated erosion and sedimentation will only get worse as climate trends favor heavier precipitation and saturated soils.



- Increased foot and vehicle traffic from the Timberlee subdivision require signage and road markers for improved safety.
- Mt Josh residents routinely have difficulty receiving packages.
- Garbage totes must be left near Fouch Rd.
- Elevation, Soils, and Hydrological analysis have determined that collective impenetrable surfaces (roof tops, roads) resulting from the development of the Timberlee Subdivision discharge storm water run-off along the path of the lower Timberlee easement to Fouch Rd, further accelerating erosion and sedimentation.
- Continuous soil disturbances have promoted the spread of invasive plants that contribute to the loss of habitat for native plants and wildlife.





Winter 2019, looking  
North

















































































